MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes.

MR. M. L. D'CRUZ: May I know whether the site is suitable ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, the site was selected by the then Excise Commissioner and the then Chief Engineer at the request of the tobacco merchants. But, last week, I had a letter from the Chief Engineer that the area is water-logged. The question is being looked into.

Tobacco Depot in the Quilon Town.

307. * **MR. P. S. MUHAMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they had acquired any plot of land in the Quilon town for the purpose of constructing tobacco depot on the side of the road leading to Thamarakulam along the side of the big canal and the road ;

(*b*) the year in which it was acquired ; and

(*c*) whether they require a tobacco depot at the place ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) No land has been acquired in the recent past for the construction of a Tobacco Depot on the roadside referred to in the interpellation.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) No new depot is necessary as there is the old Tobacco Bank-shall already at the place.

Medical Officers in independent charge of hospitals.

308. * **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether by appointing the seniors among Medical Officers as Assistant Medical Officers, Junior Medical Officers were put in independent charge of hospitals ; and

(*b*) if so, the names of the Medical Officers who were thus put in independent charge of hospitals ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Representation of the sea boat owners.

309. * **MR. P. S. MUHAMED:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have done anything on the representation of the sea boat owners requesting the Government to help the boat owners whose boats were damaged seriously by the sudden tempest that took place in the beginning of the year ; and

(*b*) if they have done anything, the nature of the help rendered by the Government ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Sanction was accorded for loans amounting to Rs. 2,800 being advanced to boat owners out of the balance available under Landing and Shipping Fees Committee Fund.

MR. P. S. MUHAMED: ഈ സംഖ്യയിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടബോട്ടുകാർക്കുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

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